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10 February 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Henry A. Kissinger
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs

SUBJECT : Central Intelligence Agency Response to
National Security Study Memorandum 1

In response to the request levied by National Security Study Memorandum 1, dated 21 January 1969, I am forwarding via this memorandum two complete sets of this Agency's answers to twenty-seven of the twenty-nine questions on Vietnam posed in NSSM 1. As explained in the preface to our detailed answers, we felt that two of the twenty-nine questions related to the operational deployment of U.S. forces rather than intelligence matters, and hence involved topics on which we could contribute little in the way of useful comment.

Richard Helms
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Earle G. Wheeler
Chairman, The Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT : The CIA's Response to National Security
Study Memorandum 1

1. Attached for your information is one complete set of this Agency's answers to twenty-seven of the twenty-nine questions on Vietnam posed in National Security Study Memorandum 1. For reasons explained in the preface to our detailed answers, we did not address ourselves to two questions (24 and 25) that dealt solely with the operational deployment and use of U.S. forces.

2. Though our response represents (and should be read) as a unilateral Agency effort, I have been in telephonic communication with General Carroll regarding its general scope and our officers who participated in its preparation have kept in close touch with their colleagues in DIA who were working on the Department of Defense's response to NSSM No. 1.

3. On this general matter of continuing liaison, I want to thank you very much for sending us a copy of MACV's 1968 year-end review. We are finding this document very useful and will of course handle it with great care and discretion. In this context, I would appreciate it if you could arrange for us to be sent a copy of the final Defense response (or responses, if there are two) to the twenty-nine Vietnam questions.

George A. Carver, Jr.
Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Lieutenant General Joseph F. Carroll
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT : The Agency's Response to National Security
Study Memorandum 1

1. As agreed in our recent telephone conversation, I am forwarding via this memorandum a copy of this Agency's response to twenty-seven of the twenty-nine questions on Vietnam posed in National Security Study Memorandum No. 1. As I have indicated, we did not address ourselves to questions 24 and 25. I have also sent one copy of our response to General Wheeler.

2. Though the attached is a unilateral Agency product and should be read as such, our officers who participated in its preparation have been in close touch with their colleagues in DIA who were working on the Department of Defense's response to NSSM No. 1. Reflecting the views we exchanged over the telephone, we have made no effort to effect "coordination" but we did want to be sure that our associates in DIA knew what we were prepared to say and, further, to insure that we could benefit from an informal exchange before our views or theirs were formally committed to print.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable William P. Bundy
Assistant Secretary for East Asian and
Pacific Affairs

SUBJECT : The Agency's Response to National
Security Study Memorandum 1

Attached for your information is a copy of the Agency's response to National Security Study Memorandum No. 1. As you will note, we addressed ourselves to only twenty-seven out of the twenty-nine questions posed by NSSM No. 1. We felt that two of these questions (24 and 25) clearly dealt with the conduct of U.S. military operations and not with intelligence matters.

George A. Carver, Jr.
Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs

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Mr. Earl Dean Moor
National Security Staff

Attached for your information and use are two copies of our response to National Security Study Memorandum No. 1. Two bound copies (Nos. 1 and 2) have already been sent to Dr. Kissinger via transmittal note signed by the Director. These two copies (9 and 10) which you are receiving are, as you note, held together by a single brad and hence can be easily separated if you wish to collate the answers received to each question separately.

George A. Carver, Jr.
Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs

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